

THE WARDENSHIP.

On Tuesday next the first business of the new Council of the County of Halton will be the selection and proper appointment of the members thereof...

We have every confidence that Mr. Storey will be elected Warden, and hope next week to have the pleasure of tendering our congratulations to him...

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mr. Stead, editor of the London Pall Mall Gazette, who in November was sentenced to three months imprisonment for his connection with the Eliza Armstrong abduction case...

It is announced that the National Temperance League of England is making arrangements for a temperance congress in London, in July next...

This year the Queen's Birthday comes on Monday; St. Valentine's day on Sunday; St. Patrick's day on Wednesday; April fool day and Dominion Day on Thursday; and Christmas on Saturday...

Mr. Blake's Address.

The first appearance publicly of Hon. Edw. Blake, since returning from England, was at London last Thursday, where he delivered an address, which it is said has never been surpassed on any public occasion in the history of the Dominion.

INAUGURAL SESSION.

The Members Elect of the Municipal Council do the Usual Swearing and Take Their Places.

THE COMMITTEES.

The following members elect filed into the Council Chamber at 11 o'clock on Monday morning:— W. H. Storey, Reeve, and D. Henderson, J. B. Pearson, J. Fyfe and Jno. Cameron, Councillors.

FINANCE.—D. Henderson and J. Fyfe. TOWN HALL.—J. B. Pearson and W. H. Storey. CEMETERY.—W. H. Storey, D. Henderson, J. Fyfe and John Cameron.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The First Meeting of the Board for the Current Year. Mr. J. E. McGarvin the New Chairman.

BIG FINANCE REPORT.

The Board of Trustees met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, the 18th inst. After subscribing to the declaration of office, the newly-elected members took seats at the Board.

UPON MOTION the report was adopted. The Property Committee was instructed upon motion to secure the necessary appliances for the practical teaching of weights and measures.

Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent. Mr. Stephenson, sr., is ill. He is one of the few now living who settled in the pioneer days of this township.

Mr. Jas. Jones, M.P., spoke on Monday evening on the political questions of the day. His address was able and instructive. A large number turned out to hear him.

Big reductions of all kinds of mens' underclothing, gents' furnishings, men's or dapper clothing, ready-made clothing and overcoats, capes, flannels, tweeds, blankets, furs, hats and caps. The goods will be slaughtered irrespective of cost before stock taking.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Of the Esqueping Agricultural Society. A Good Attendance.

The annual meeting of the Esqueping Agricultural Society, was held in the council chamber, Stewartstown, last Thursday afternoon.

The President, Mr. J. T. Elliott, occupied the chair, while Mr. Alex. Waldie filled the position of Vice-President.

The meeting was more largely attended than usual, and Acton did her share in making up the quota, there being fifteen or sixteen delegates present.

The address of the retiring president was first in order. He complimented the society upon the success which attended it; thanked the members for having placed him in so responsible and honorable a position, and promised always to work in the interests of the Society.

RECEIPTS. Balance from 1894 \$150 68 Members' subscriptions 302 50 Admission fees 176 76 Legislative grant 103 68 Municipal grant 50 00 Miscellaneous receipts 12 00 Total \$996 08

EXPENDITURES. Prizes—Horses \$118 00 Cattle 94 00 Sheep 57 00 Pigs 24 00 Poultry 18 00 Grain & seeds 35 00 Boots 10 75 Dairy products 15 25 Fruits, flowers, 38 00 Implements 34 60 Ladies work 6 Fine arts 57 50 Flouging match 50 00 Printing & advertising 51 24 Baud 30 00 Working expenses, including Secy-Treas. salary, etc. 90 01 Balance on hand \$212 75 Total \$904 68

The election of officers for the present year, resulted as follows:— President—Alex. Waldie. Vice-Pres.—F. Ruddell. Directors: 1. Scotch Block—J. Stewart, A. Stark, 2. Norval—R. Noble, Jos. Brownridge, 3. Stewarttown—D. Little, 4. Acton—Jos. Lasby, W. Hemstreet, 5. Glenwilliams—Thos. Cook, 6. Georgetown—J. F. Taylor, J. R. Barber.

LIBEL SUITS. The Toronto "Mail" Mulcted for \$10,000; and the "Irish-Canadian" for \$8,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FARMS FOR SALE. If you have a farm for sale, or want to sell by auction, advertise in the Acton Free Press.

WANTED. PLAIN AND FANCY PRINTING DONE WITH neatness and despatch at the FREE PRESS PRINTING HOUSE.

STRAYED. STRAYED from the premises of the subscriber, a pair of black and white cows, two black pigs. Any person giving such information as will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded.

ONIONS FOR SALE. THE undersigned has a large quantity of first class cooking onions for sale cheap. Parties supplied with any quantity for a quarter, twenty bushels.

FOURTH WATH. HAVING disposed of both my Livery and Boot and Shoe Businesses, I take this plan of notifying all parties indebted to me that they must call at Williams' shoe shop, 311 St. St., and settle their accounts at once, otherwise costs will be added.

TAKE NOTICE. THAT PURSUANT TO REVISED STATUTES of Ontario, Chap. 307, Sec. 31, all persons having claims against the estate of Mary Ryan, late of the Township of Esqueping, in the County of Halton, widow, deceased, are hereby notified, on or before the 10th day of February, 1898, to send in their respective claims, against the said estate, post-paid, to the undersigned, or David Ryder, administrator of Mary Ryan, deceased, at the residence of the said administrator, who will proceed to distribute the assets of said estate amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which said administrator has then notice of.

CHOICE MEAT. Bolman & McCannell. R. Bolman wishes to inform his customers and the public generally that he has admitted into partnership Mr. McCannell, an experienced meat and dairy man, who occupies the shop opposite the Vailse and Satchel Factory.

By supplying an extra quality of meat of all kinds they hope that a liberal patronage will be accorded them. Poultry, Fish, etc., kept in season. Orders promptly delivered. ROLLMAN & MCCANNELL, Acton, Jan. 20th, 1898.

22 Mills on the Dollar

Has no effect on our prices, but bears hard on our feelings.

LISTEN FOR A MOMENT, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU.

You have had to pay a few extra dollars this year. This cannot be helped now, but just now, right before you lies a chance I have never before till now offered, viz.:

A Stock-taking Sale—Everything to be Sold at Exactly Cost For Cash, until we finish.

Headlight Oil to be 18c. per gal., and it is now worth 18c. at the wells, Cottons to be 3c., 4c., 5c., 6c., 7c., according to quality; \$8 Caps to be \$5.50; 50c. Cashmeres to be 38c.; 40c. Tea to be 29c.; Rice to be 3c.; \$8 Overcoat to be \$6.25.

Halton Dry Goods House. C. B. GRIFFIN.

From the North West.

To the Editor of the Free Press. I have added a choice stock of Groceries all new and fresh, I beg to tender my most sincere thanks to the people of Acton and surrounding country for their very liberal support in the past, and now most respectfully solicit a share of your patronage in my new prices of business. It will be my aim to merit this by square dealing, reasonable prices, attention to business and wants of my customers. Please call and see me.

Having moved my Bakery and Feed Business into this commodious store, where I have added a choice stock of Groceries all new and fresh, I beg to tender my most sincere thanks to the people of Acton and surrounding country for their very liberal support in the past, and now most respectfully solicit a share of your patronage in my new prices of business. It will be my aim to merit this by square dealing, reasonable prices, attention to business and wants of my customers. Please call and see me.

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Making out Well, Geo. Hynd the best stock of Books, Blank Note Pads, Letter Pads, thing required in the leading store for Stationery, Envelopes, 25c. to 30c. sold cheap. Give The Acton THURSDAY MORNING CRUMBS FOR Provided by the Press —Barns' birth —Keep the steady —Georgetown members —Sleigh riding a the wing —Excellent sleighs are busy —The inaugural Council next Tuesday That new Linn hasn't report d him —Mr. McLaren Church again next —The Milton St. dress. It is very —Mr. W. H. Storey confident, be Warden —The Salvation to be setting notices —Mr. John Matt drives a fine new de —Messrs. Kelly cherishing to their gro —Golph is movi Grand Trunk Rail —Rev. Dr. Stone in the Methodist Sunday. —J. Saunders, Ba his station to an for \$600. —Farmers, reme tribute to be held 29th and 30th inst. —The G. T. H. hearts of the local through on Monday —Mr. Harry Ed Minn., has kindly a Paul and Minnapp. —All those hatin read the adventures of John J. Daley & —The Milton C. some minor articles from the station are —The Albert N treated itself to a Maple Leaf in a journal. —The South is su how the winter has little cold has ente Picayune. —During the year marriages will be d Mr. J. E. McGarvin municipality. —Mr. John J. I future party in business, under the John J. Daley & Co —From the Egan Women's Christ has the largest meet it numbers 185 mem —The Luma W copy the town hall commencing on W pany is bidly spire —A scientific jo diseases are spread bank notes. This e more healthy than —Mr. T. C. Mitc week, compiling st volume of R. L. Gazette and Busine —In another colu of Mr. John Kenn residents of Geor will take place to —The Fair Paces lations to our electe E. McGarvin, vice chairmanship of the action. —It was his lot a street that Mr. A for \$25, and not th of Main street, is conclude. —"Fis," of the journal's greatest do its level headed job a rebully from the and with the least —Rev. Hugh Pet roses cost \$1.25 a New Year's Day; copts; but more re who did not need t to those who did. —Early and late, work at the Fair; styles, week, work, promptness, plac promises, friends- or, self and give direct —The cells at the occupied by one o gang of tramps wh will be as long as t make any return t the tavors they rec wood at the town h out and split wold fewer breakfasts to —The Editor of the perance Union, an branch of the Un Acton. Well, we will be a very jim people of Acton a particular kind of by the members of perance Union.